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SUBJ: TRADE ACT OF 1974

1. IN CURRENT DISCUSSIONS IN BUDAPEST BETWEEN HUNGARIAN RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR WORLD ECONOMY AND U.S. COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS BOTH HUNGARIAN AND AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS HAVE REFERRED TO NUMEROUS PROVISIONS IN 1974 TRADE ACT WHICH SET DIFFERENT STANDARDS FOR TRADE BETWEEN U.S. AND SOCIALIST COUNTRIES ON THE ONE HAND AND U.S. AND NON-SOCIALIST COUNTRIES ON OTHER. RECENT EXAMPLE OF HOW THESE "DISCRIMINATORY" PROVISIONS CAN AFFECT U.S. -HUNGARIAN RELATIONS WAS DELAY IN CONCLUDING HUNGARIAN-AMERICAN TEXTILE AGREEMENT.

2. IN ORDER TO DISCUSS SUBJECT INTELLIGENTLY WITH AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN AND HUNGARIAN OFFICIALS EMBASSY BUDAPEST WOULD FIND IT USEFUL TO RECEIVE ANALYSIS AND COMPARATIVE LISTING OF DIFFERENT TREATMENT TO BE ACCORDED SOCIALIST AND NON-SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. FOR EXAMPLE, IT APPEARS THAT SYSTEM FOR PRESIDENTIAL FINDING OF MARKET DISRUPTION IS DIFFERENT FOR NON-SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.

3. AT SAME TIME, TO COUNTER FREQUENT HUNGARIAN COMPLAINTS

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THIS REGARD, EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SIMILAR LIST OF "DISCRIMINATORY" PROVISIONS TO HUNGARIAN FOREIGN TRADE

PRACTICES -- SPECIAL INTER-CEMA ARRANGEMENTS WHICH
EFFECTIVELY DISCRIMINATE AGAINST WESTERN FIRMS, FOR EXAMPLE.

4. ANY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE WOULD BE
APPRECIATED.

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